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## Two tornados wreak widespread havoc



CASEY LESSARD/Echo

It was tough navigating area roads Thursday - by car or by foot - after winds uprooted or snapped trees and downed hydro lines. Keesha Ruyter (left) and her son Tymen join Nancy Prentice on the obstacle course known as Harburn Road.

Ten large trees blocked the path from the Haliburton side to their destinations. "Came out to check on my boss," Keesha said. "Wanted to know they're alright. It's pretty crazy. Wasn't bad where we were (in Haliburton), not this bad anyway."

## County loses power; some still out

MARTHA PERKINS

Editor

As thunderstorms hurled their way across Ontario on Wednesday night, at least two tornadoes and a 10-kilometre microburst toppled trees and downed dozens of hydro lines across Haliburton County.

"Initially on the radar there were very intense cells of storms but then a line of very extreme thunderstorms came through the Haliburton area," says Sarah

Wong, a warning preparedness meteorologist with Environment Canada. "It was extremely active where Haliburton is and Barry's Bay. That's where the most intensive group of storms were."

One confirmed tornado cut a southeast to northwest diagonal swath from Bryson's Marina on Lake Kashagawigamog through Blairhampton, Horseshoe Lake and 12 Mile Lake, stopping just below Highway 118 near Bobcaygeon Road.

The second followed a west-east pattern from Maple Lake United Church

through West Guilford and Cranberry Lake.

The tornadoes were classed F1, which is the lowest level of intensity.

"It's like someone took a rake across the county," says Haliburton County EMS manager Bob English.

Wong flew over the area on Sunday but has not been able to confirm whether it was a tornado or an intense microburst that toppled trees in a 10 km swath around Drag Lake.

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## Business anything but usual after storm

GREG HOEKSTRA & MARTHA PERKINS

Echo Staff

One local vendor certainly wasn't complaining after the power went out on Wednesday evening.

Steve Dunec, Haliburton's "Weiner Guy," says business at his downtown hot dog cart was so frantic that he probably could have grilled up a skunk's posterior and still had cus-

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# Lack of radio service illustrates need for generators

MARTHA PERKINS

Editor

Canoe FM's listeners weren't the only people who were frustrated when all they got was an irritating buzzing sound when they tuned into 100.9 during the recent power outage.

The people who run the station say that the blackout illustrates the need to raise money to buy generators so the station can always be on the air.

Like Moose FM, the community radio station doesn't have a generator at its station. Both radio stations went silent as soon as the power went out on Wednesday night.

Mike Jaycock, the chairman of Canoe FM's board of directors, says Canoe's signal goes from the studio, located across from the Haliburton arena, to the tower on Skyline Hill. The signal is then sent electronically to the tower at Eagle Lake, which is where the station's transmitter is located. Both towers are privately owned and require electricity to operate.

Wednesday's storm knocked out power at all three locations. (The CBC's transmitter was also affected, which is why the third source of local radio news was knocked out too.)

"This crisis has accentuated how vulnerable we are," Jaycock says. Raising money for generators at all three locations – the station and the two towers – "will be a number one priority. We need to be there when the

community needs us."

When the power went out the radio station should have been a prime source of vital information, Jaycock says. People needed to know where the power was out, when it might be restored, which roads were blocked by falling trees and safety precautions, such as proper installation of generators.

"People have a need for communication," he says, and he was very frustrated by Canoe's inability to provide it. Even though most people's home radios weren't working, people could have listened to news updates on their car radio or using battery-powered radios. (One woman reportedly returned her new wind-up radio because she thought it didn't work when she couldn't get Canoe or Moose.)

Generators don't come cheap, as many homeowners have discovered. Jaycock is hoping that all three generators can be purchased for \$20,000 although the cost must still be investigated.

"This being such a horrendous situation we have to find the way to get the money," he says.

Lou Simon, who worked with fellow volunteer Don Campbell to get Canoe FM up and running again, says that power to Skyline Park wasn't restored until late Saturday afternoon. After a little tinkering they had a clear signal for the station by seven that night.

Moose FM was able to broadcast a day earlier because it sends its signal directly to Eagle Lake, which had power before Skyline.

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## Tree branch crashes through window near driver's head

GREG HOEKSTRA

Staff Reporter

Drag Lake cottager Marla MacNaull had one of the most frightening rides of her life on Wednesday, after a two metre-long branch was torn from an overhead tree and crashed through the windshield of her Ford Ranger like a spear.

MacNaull was visiting a friend on East Bay on Drag Lake when looming storm clouds prompted her to cut her visit short.

"With the weather we were having and just by watching the lake you knew something was coming," she said the next day. "So I decided I wanted to make it home before the storm hit."

When MacNaull set out for her parents' home, also on Drag Lake, not a single rain drop had fallen, and although the drive is only five minutes at the most, she says she only made it within two minutes of home before strong winds and heavy rain began to pelt her vehicle.

"I didn't expect it to come with the force that it came with, and so quickly."

With less than half a mile to travel on Niddrie's Lane, a branch suddenly shot down from above, piercing through MacNaull's windshield, and sliding only centimetres above her head before becoming lodged in the safety glass. Luckily, she didn't suffer any injuries

GREG HOEKSTRA/Echo



Marla MacNaull was driving to her parents' home on Drag Lake when this branch crashed through her window like a spear. What freaked her out the most, however, was the vehicle's radio suddenly turning on - loudly.



from the impact, but the wedged limb did cause her windshield wipers to fizzle out, further impairing her visibility.

Somewhat miraculously, MacNaull still managed to make it home, maneuvering her way almost blindly down the twisting cottage road while thrashing her way over several downed trees. As if that weren't nerve-racking enough, MacNaull says the impact of the branch hitting her windshield caused the truck's radio to turn on and blare at full-blast.

"I think the radio scared me more than the impact of the stick," she laughs.

Now a teacher in Toronto, MacNaull spends the summers at her parents'. She feels very fortunate to have walked away from the incident unharmed, especially in light of the tragedy across the lake

only a week prior, in which a woman was killed after a tree crashed down on her vehicle. "It was just that morning that I was reading the article and talking to my mom about how freaky of an accident that would be. And then this happened."

Walking the road the next day her father Bob realized that she had somehow managed to outrun the falling trees.

Despite her luck she won't be out cruising in heavy downpours anytime soon, so long as she can help it.

"I don't think I ever want to be out driving again in weather like that," she says. "With the size of that stick, I wouldn't have thought it could come down with enough force to puncture the windshield like it did...it was freaky."

## Families safe as storm pummels Kashagawigamog

CASEY LESSARD

Staff Photographer

"It was just wild."

Valerie Vickery was inside one of two cottages co-owned by the Allen and Rider families on Lake Kashagawigamog. The other cottage was battered when three large trees fell on it.

"My grandson was lying down on a small couch, and my daughter told him to come over to the other house for dinner," Vickery said. "A tree went through the window and landed right where his head would have been. Another tree went through the ceiling and landed in the room where we put the kids for safety. They came flying out. The boys put them in the middle and everybody else hit the floor."

Seven-year old Jesse Como and eight-year old Mac Rider were among the kids in the "safe room."

"I saw the bunk bed shiver," Jesse said. "First thing we saw was the power went out. We heard glass shattering. Then we tried to go out in the hall and everything fell."

"We ran out the door and I saw a tree branch fall and come through the ceil-



CASEY LESSARD/Echo

No one was hurt, but the cottage and two new vehicles were damaged when trees crashed onto Dave Allen's property on Lake Kashagawigamog. "You just hear this cracking. That's the scariest thing," says Valerie Vickery next door.

ing," Mac said. "Trees were broken everywhere."

Safe in the other cottage, all Valerie Vickery could do was wait until the

storm passed to see if everyone was okay.

"You just hear this cracking," she said. "The scariest thing."



# Highlands East declares state of emergency

GREG HOEKSTRA

Staff Reporter

A state of emergency was declared for several days in Highlands East after microbursts of resilient winds caused damage across all four wards of the municipality and left thousands without electricity or telephone services.

Municipal officials announced the state of emergency on Thursday and it remained in effect until Saturday afternoon, when power had been restored to nearly 50 per cent of the area's residents, 75 per cent of local gas stations, and 100 per cent of the region's grocery stores.

Although all four municipalities in Haliburton County were ravaged by the storm, Highlands East was the only one to declare a state of emergency, which led some to question why it was a necessary step to take.

Reeve Keith Tallman defends the decision. "We felt it was necessary because we didn't know how long the power was going to be off," he says. "At one point they had told us it could be up to five days without electricity."

One of the main concerns, says Tallman, was the health and welfare of residents – particularly seniors – in the area. The municipality wanted to ensure that assistance was available if any resident needed it, so they established an evacuation centre at the Lloyd Watson Centre in Wilberforce, which acted as an air-conditioned retreat where people

could drop in for food and sustenance.

Fire Chief Don Middleton says another reason the state of emergency was imperative is that it allowed municipal employees to exceed the maximum 48 hours of work in a week, as is outlined in the Canada Labour Code.

In addition to that, the municipality can also apply for funding and assistance from the provincial government once a state of emergency is in place, and if outside contractors are required, the municipality is able to hire them without first tendering out, sparing a lot of bureaucratic headaches.

"Once you're in a state of emergency it allows you the flexibility to do things you normally can't do," says Middleton. "A lot of resources are available to you when you declare an emergency that otherwise aren't."

Middleton says the municipality first consulted the duty officer for emergency management in Ontario, who confirmed that the state of affairs in Highlands East did in fact qualify for emergency measures.

The township of Galway-Cavendish and Harvey (near Buckhorn) had also declared a state of emergency as a result of the same storm.

Within the municipality, Middleton says that the area southwest of Gooderham, the northern portions of Cardiff and Monmouth, and the southern portion of Bicroft (towards Apsley) were among the worst hit.

But as bad as the situation may sound, many seniors living in Wilberforce's Mapleview apartment complex reportedly made the best of the power outage, by gathering in the building's activity room and dusting off the piano for a traditional sing-a-long by candlelight.

Shirley Riley, who conducts the choir for the local United Church and lives in the building, says that residents of the complex were wonderful about looking out for one another, and ironically, many ended up enjoying the blackout as it granted them a rare opportunity to mingle and socialize.

"The storm was pretty bad, and I think people just wanted to be with other people," she says. "It was a chance for people to have fun and forget about how the wind was howling outside."

Eleanor Harrison, reeve of Algonquin Highlands, told a group of cottagers on

Sunday that her municipality would not and could not declare a state of emergency because, despite the damage, the township was able to clear roads and provide services themselves.

"We do not meet the criteria to declare a state of emergency or a disaster zone," she said at the Halls and Hawk Lakes Property Owners Association's annual general meeting. "By 3 a.m. the morning after the storm, 75 per cent of Algonquin Highlands' public roads were passable. The next day, 90 per cent were open and now [Sunday], all of our public roads are two-lane passable."

"Declaring a state of emergency will not pay to remove trees from private property," she added. "It would only help the municipality to clear roads and provide essential services."

With file from Bryn Weese.



Dennis Choptiany took this photo of the downed trees at the Bernardi cottage on Koshlong Lake, which is in Highlands East. Access to the lake from Haliburton village was blocked for several hours.

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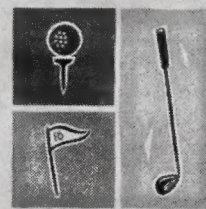
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Bell workers such as Paul Lowery have been working 18-hour days to try to restore service. Given the number of downed lines, 'it's a daunting task,' spokesman says.

## Bell struggles to cope with extent of line damage

MARTHA PERKINS

Editor

When the power goes out, communication with the outside world takes on an even greater importance.

Telephones are not only a vital link to emergency services, but they provide a comfort to people who are coping without other essentials such as running water and cooking appliances.

That's why Bell telephone has had its crews working 18-hour days since the

storm hit, a spokesman says.

"We do take it very seriously," he said Monday morning. "We're doing everything we can."

The storm knocked out hydro's 44,000 volt line into the county. Bell's main stations have generators which automatically kick in and Bell brought in extra generators for the outlying regions. Immediately after the storm there were 70 generators humming away; by Monday morning, with power restored to many areas, the number was down to

29.

Getting power to the stations is only part of the challenge of restoring full phone service, however.

"Now we're trying to get wires to individual places," the spokesman said, "and that's where we have issues. Poles are down, cables are down. It's a daunting task."

No sooner do hydro and Bell crews fix one problem than they find others once they're able to continue down the line.

"The nature of this storm was differ-

ent," he says. "There were a lot of storms that generated all sorts of pockets of trouble."

Added to Haliburton County's problems were the 100 lines downed by a tornado at Lake Catchecoma between Gooderham and Peterborough.

"I'm so proud of my guys. We've been working 18-hour days."

His challenge on Monday was to find enough accommodation for the extra crews making their way to the Highlands.

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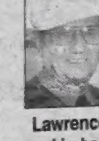
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Last Wednesday's tornadoes and windstorms pushed the Highlands back a century to Elvin Johnson's slower-paced times. So why isn't everyone feeling rested and calmer after several days without power?

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### editorial

martha perkins

The problem is that society still continues at its usual pace and people are expected to keep up, powered by electricity or not. With power restored to the county's two main hubs, Minden and Haliburton, by Thursday night, many people who were without power at home still had to come to work and cope with the usual busy-ness of summer. Summer is the main income-generator for the majority of businesses and it was essential that business losses be kept to a minimum. Customers came first, sleep and showers second.

And it's not that those people who could stay at their home or cottage were able to put their feet up and relax. The scope of the damage was overwhelming. Driveways and roads were blocked, trees were resting on buildings or cars. It took hours to chainsaw your way out – if you were lucky enough to own a chainsaw. And try talking to your insurance company when the phone lines are down, too.

Family members in the city worried about sick or elderly relatives they couldn't reach by phone at the cottage. Emergency crews worried about the elderly and sick they couldn't reach by ambulance. In the busiest week of the summer emergency crews were kept a whole lot busier, with many of them catching only a few hours of sleep in the first two days.

The longer the power was out, the more effort it took to put on a brave face. Even though no one was seriously hurt, coping with the storm's aftermath just became very tiring. Without power, everything just takes longer. And in 2006 there's not a corresponding reduction in the things that have to be done. (By now readers will surmise that this editorial is being written by someone on day five without power.)

But even though the storm illustrated that we can't go back to Elvin Johnson's beloved way of life, he would have been pleased to witness how one aspect of the past has endured: a sense of neighbourliness.

People would not have been able to deal with all the mess had they not been able to rely on their neighbours' help. Property lines didn't matter on Thursday. Everyone did anything they could to help one another cut trees or bring water supplies up from the lake. This pitching in brought everyone closer together in ways that will endure long after the last tree is cut up into firewood.

Praise is due to so many people. Hydro, Bell and road crews. Foresters, firefighters and paramedics. Friends, family and neighbours. Tornadoes might have ripped through Haliburton County but the county's heart was left intact.



Lining up for water at Dover Springs.

Photo by GREG HOEKSTRA/ECHO

## Now is the time to panic

THERE'S NO REASON TO PANIC. There's still plenty of time left. The leaves are still a good healthy green. The grass still needs to be cut.

But... suddenly... quietly... without our noticing... it has once again become... August.

It's a beautiful month, really, August is. It's a bit cooler, which is nice after the heat of July; the nights are great for sleeping; the days are still much like summer; the bugs are pretty well gone for another year; and the evenings are cool enough for gathering around big, roaring bonfires. But, way back in the far corners of our mind, we know what the arrival of August means. It means those red maple trees that turn colour before any of the other leaves, will soon burst forth, reminding us that the rest of the leaves will follow suit. It means we will start seeing CNE ads on TV, which are really depressing, because nothing says summer is over like the thought of the CNE. (When I lived in Toronto, the roar of the Snowbirds streaking over the city used to scream, THIS IS THE LAST WEEKEND OF SUMMER.)

Hurry up and have fun. Now is the time to panic. Now is the time to try to jam every summer activity that you kept putting off into one or two days. Let's stay up all night, so the weekend will last longer.

Let's see... how many games of golf have I played? None. I promised myself I would play at least twice a week, but never got around to it. I guess the only golf I'll play again this year is the annual Mountain Lake golf day. Where did the time go? It seemed like only yesterday I was putting the dock in. I still haven't put all the boats in the water, for goodness

sake. I'm going to put the canoe in the water and go for a paddle tonight after dinner. And take my fishing rod. Yes, canoeing with my fishing rod.

Ok, let's take a deep breath and not panic. It's only August 8th. Still plenty of time before the CNE ads. Still time to do summer stuff without trying to do it all in one day.

You can tell when you're beginning to panic when you put the canoe on the roof of the car and fishing gear in the trunk along with your golf clubs. This kind of summer

panic can lead to a serious mental breakdown. Especially if you keep driving around with all your toys strapped and packed into and onto your Jeep Off-Road and your schedule never allows you to stop and smell the swamp. Or you never find an hour to toss a fly onto a calm river pool. Or you keep driving by Beaverbrook looking at the fifth fairway, but passing on through.

You have to make an August Plan. Stop and slowly think about the remaining weeks of good weather that are still left. There are close to 70 or even 80 days that could be put to summer activities. Of course, unless you retire early, you won't be able to use them all, but, if you plan carefully, you can jam a whole summer into the post season, and still enjoy it. Just take your time and instead of devoting every free day to fixing something, or whatever. Give the day to yourself. You could easily devote 20 or so days to good ole Number One, and be the better for it... wait a minute... what was that... yikes, was that my imagination, or did I just hear an ad for the CNE.

Quick, where is my fly rod?



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# Happy Campers

I WOKE UP AT DAWN clutching the hand-held radio. "Oh my goodness," I exclaimed, "I think this thing is broken!" "Why?" my wife mumbled from beneath her pillow. "Because the kids didn't radio me once in the night." Worried sick, I got dressed quickly and rushed outside to the tent set up on the front lawn. It didn't matter that my shirt was on backwards or that my sandals were on the wrong feet. All I knew was that I had to get out there. My kids were obviously in danger.

When I got to the tent, I was almost afraid to look because of a horrible growling sound that was coming from the inside. Unfortunately, it turned out to be their snoring. They had made it through another night of front lawn camping.

"Hey guys! It's morning," I called out. "It's safe to leave the tent."

*the not so great*



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"Dad," my son Ryan announced, "if you don't mind, we'd like to sleep in."

Sleep? It was worse than I thought. My kids were missing the whole point of camping. They had actually slept.

I suppose it's a symptom of these turbulent times that we live in. But there was a time when a kid's first solo camping trip was an actual adventure rather than just another routine night in the outdoors. In fact there used to be a standard progression of how camping trips used to go.

The first night would be marked with this huge aura of excitement that was all-encompassing. It was as if a new milestone was about to be attained. There was this genuine feeling of liberation and joy that was hard to describe. There might even be some impromptu dancing. The kids, on the other hand, were terrified at the prospect of sleeping outside alone.

Despite this, our parents would convince us that camping out past dark was actually fun. I believe this was some sort of sick revenge for all the misdeeds we had perpetrated over the course of the summer. They'd set us up with all the standard camping tools - a leaky tent, several moth-riddled blankets, and a faulty flashlight - and order us to make do until morning.

Of course, as impressionable children, we'd get caught up in the excitement of the trip too, and at one point we'd actually begin enjoying the prospect of sleeping on the damp ground in what modern-day research entomologists might have referred to as an efficient mosquito trap.

All this would last until dark. At that point, we kids would gather our meager possessions and hightail it into the house.

Buoyed by this success, our parents would force us out there again the next night. This time, we'd last approximately forty-two minutes past sundown before running inside. We might have made it longer if dad had not treated us to stories of famous axe murderers just prior to zipping up the tent. "Sweet dreams," he'd say as he sauntered off to a safe, axe-resistant dwelling.

By the sixth attempt, my brother, sister, and I would finally have worked up enough nerve to promise each other that we'd spend the night within the confines of that tent. My brother and I even had a plan for dealing with axe-murderers, which involved tying my sister's ponytail to the tent and sleeping with our running shoes on.

Things would be going just fine, and we'd actually be getting used to all the night noises when, at about 3 a.m., a new noise would cut through the night air. I can best describe it as a cross between a wounded bear and some sort of rabid man-eating feline. On hearing this sound, my brother and I would bolt upright, often through the roof, and then tied up our running shoes for the headlong flight in which we were about to partake. If not for her ponytail my sister, might have done the same.

Before this could happen, however, the beast would rush the tent and shake it while up growling and snarling. This was the cue for my brother and I to immediately make a new door in the tent, invariably on the opposite side of the marauding beast. The beast, we'd later learn, turned out to be my father.

But we didn't know that then, so my brother and I would hit the door of the house with something approximating a modified splot, even before my father began resuscitation procedures on my sister. Though scary at the time, in the morning we'd laugh; true it wasn't in any one of the mornings in the next three months, but nevertheless we'd laugh.

Kids these days miss all that good stuff, what with proper tents, lights, hand-held radios and child welfare laws. It almost makes a parent want to growl and snarl.

At three a.m..



## pic of the past

Faye Snider of Gooderham remembers the tornado of September 7, 1947 very well. While most people were enjoying the festivities at the Kinmount Fair, she and her mother were at the Gooderham train station to serve meals to the passengers and crew of the I.B. & O. train. The tornado went through Kinmount and then made its way through Howland Junction before it hit Gooderham. It tore the roof off the station, knocked box cars off the track dumped cottages into the river. This picture shows the crowd watching the overturned boxcar being put back on the tracks and was donated by Marjorie Billings to the Gooderham history project. Our thanks to Grenville Schrader and Elva Bates for the information.

## letters to the editor

### Emergency services make us proud

To the Editor:

Everyone is aware of last Wednesday's storm and the destruction that it caused. I am writing in hopes that people will step back, take a look around them and then thank the volunteer fire departments, the police and ambulance services for their countless hours of work and the few hours of sleep. These local services did our community proud. I believe that although some of us still have no power, and there are roads to be

cleared, the community response teams did the best job they could.

Although I am writing to thank my community services, I know that personnel in every community and town touched by this storm should be thanked personally for all the hard work and dedication. You have done your community proud!

Monica Miles  
Haliburton

### Signs are intended to save lives

To the Editor:

Re: John Pugh's letter, Aug. 1, Drag Lake signage

The accusations and misinterpretations outlined in Mr. Pugh's account of the Drag Lake executive's 911 proposal presented at the annual general meeting in July were totally inaccurate both in substance and reflection of process details.

The concept of extending 911 signage (road name and property number) to lakefront locations for each member who volunteers to participate in the cost-shared program was unanimously supported by a show-of-hands vote.

Stage two of the 911 proposal was to determine what type of sign should be used. The executive presented three colour mock-up paper versions (actual sign will be metal) for discussion. A second vote using applause was held and the smallest version, 6" x 16" was selected (not the mid-

sized sample).

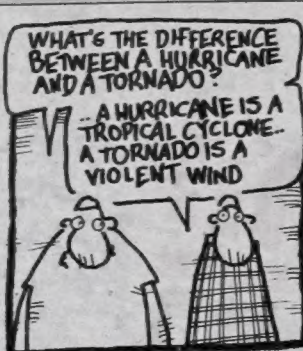
Many of the attending members ordered their appropriate address sign and paid \$10 as their share of the \$20 cost prior to leaving the annual meeting.

DLPOA area directors will continue to solicit members to volunteer to sign up for the program through 2007. Since many cottagers have two avenues of access, a road and a waterway, it seems important to properly identify each in the most useful manner, namely 911 protocols.

There is so sign pollution on Drag and Spruce lakes. The association's extended property identification program could save a life or a home and is a neighbourly endeavor to enhance our community.

David LaFerle,  
President of Drag Lake Property  
Owners' Association

## Boonieville by Charlie Teljeur





# 'There is 15 acres that is just flat'

Gryciuks' property one of the hardest hit between Haliburton and Carnarvon

CASEY LESSARD

Chief Photographer

"I said to Rolf, 'we'd better get in the cellar.'"

Marty Gryciuk and her husband Rolf got to see the storm up close and personal; their property was one of the hardest hit between Haliburton and Carnarvon.

"We don't have a bush anymore," his wife Marty said.

"There's 15 acres that's just flat," Rolf added.

Luckily, their house was undamaged but they didn't know that would be the outcome while the storm was blowing through.

"Rolf was going around closing windows," Marty said, "and I was watching from the dining room. You couldn't see outside, the rain was falling so hard. But you could see the shadow of the trees. They were falling one by one."

"It was definitely a cellar occasion," said Rolf.

Neighbours Don and Molly Freeman were caught on the road across from the Gryciuks. The Freemans had just left Don Hughes and Nancy Prentice's home nearby.

"We pulled out of the neighbour's driveway and into a white sheet of whatever," Don said. "We had to stop the car. While sitting there, a tree came down and landed on our roof. Fortunately I was able to reverse and get back



An aerial photograph reveals the swath of devastation left by high winds, classified as a micro-burst by Environment Canada. This is the most visible damage seen from the air between Haliburton and Carnarvon.

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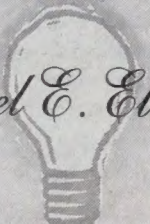
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A scene familiar to many in the county after Wednesday's storm, Rolf Gryciuk cuts away limbs and fallen trees from Harburn Road. Local residents were fast to spring into action, helping clear the roads of fallen tree debris.

## 'It blew the air conditioner right into the house'

from page 8

to [the Hugheses'] driveway."

"The sky looked awful coming from their house," said Don Hughes. "It was blowing so hard it blew the air conditioner right into the house. It blew the attic door open and insulation was coming into the house. We've lost so many trees. You can see the hydro wires from the house. We could never see the road before. It just took them. I'll say, that's the worst one I've ever seen."

Molly Freeman said the weather caught them by surprise.

"It was fine," she said of the conditions before it hit. "I wouldn't have stopped [at the Hugheses'] if I'd known it was going to come up so fast."

Fallen trees blocked the road all day Thursday, and the road remained open only at driver's own risk Friday. The Freemans' brand new Nissan X-Trail suffered minor damage to the hood, but no one was hurt.



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# Cleaning up trees, hauling water and other electricity-free activities keep campers busy

MARTHA PERKINS AND GREG HOEKSTRA

Editor and Staff Reporter

The 350 campers at Camp Timberlane thought that the staff had come up with a fun new activity last week: let's be rugged outdoorspeople.

They were out cleaning up trees, hauling water, and enjoying activities that didn't involve electricity after Wednesday's violent storm tore up a hill behind the camp just east of Drag Lake.

"They're loving it," says camp director Corey Mandel. To them it was a special program. They think we planned it.

"They've been terrific."

The storm knocked down a relatively few trees near any buildings, saving most of its fury for the ridge behind Two Islands Lake.

At the first sign of a storm, camp staff followed protocol by making sure all the campers, aged eight to 15, were in their cabins, away from the windows.

"When we drove through the camp we could hear the trees crashing behind us," says Terry Hobden, who keeps the camp up and running and lives on-site. "You couldn't see anything for the rain. The water trampoline was three feet off the water and just spinning."

He believes the camp had a micro-burst when a possible tornado ripped across Drag Lake and making havoc of Peter and Jody Curry's nearby property before following a path north of the main camp buildings. "It's all straight one way here while at Pete's it's all twisted."

Electricity immediately went out and Hobden set to work starting up the camp's generators to allow basic services. He spent Saturday morning rounding up a couple more. Phones were also down which kept calls from anxious parents to a minimum. Mandel says once phone service was restored parents were quickly reassured that all was well and everyone was not only coping with the storm, but having fun.

The Globe and Mail reported that about 50 campers left Camp Towhee north of Haliburton village on Friday. The property wasn't badly damaged but the power outage knocked out the camp's septic tanks and food refrigeration.



GREG HOEKSTRA/ECHO

Scenes like this kept camps and campers busy clearing trees, hauling water, and other such duties. The campers loved it though, and turned the whole event into a positive experience.

It was business as usual at the YMCA's Camp Wanakita, as backup generators provided enough electricity to power the facility's dining hall fridges and freezers, and propane allowed campers to enjoy soup, grilled cheese sandwiches, and even a turkey dinner on Friday evening. Generators also helped keep water flowing to the campsite, though campers were asked to use the outhouses for a few days.

General manager Steve Heming says that although trees were toppled all across the camp's 1,000-acre property, only one of the 140 buildings on site sustained minor damages.

Upwards of 590 campers were at Wanakita when the storm hit, including 44 families in the family campground, 46 cabins full of young campers, and a number of children from the day camp who were slated to stay overnight.

Heming says they were very fortunate; not a single camper was injured as a result of the storm. However, a male and female counsellor did sustain minor injuries

after a tree branch fell on them and broke the female counsellor's nose.

The two were out patrolling the site, ensuring that all campers were safe in cabins, which is one of the first steps in the camp's safety protocols. Heming says the protocols also require them to have generators on site.

"Generators are the key," he says. "We're here year-round, so we expect the power to go out and we were ready for it."

One of the biggest concerns for camp staff was the blockage of Koshlong Lake Road and the road leading in to Camp Wanakita. Heming says staff and maintenance crews quickly went to work with chainsaws in order to clear off the road in case of emergency.

Once roads were clear, staff was able to focus on keeping campers well-fed and safe, and of course, entertained with a variety of fun activities.

"The real crisis was keeping people healthy, with water and food," he says. "Once you have that taken care of, then everything is normal."

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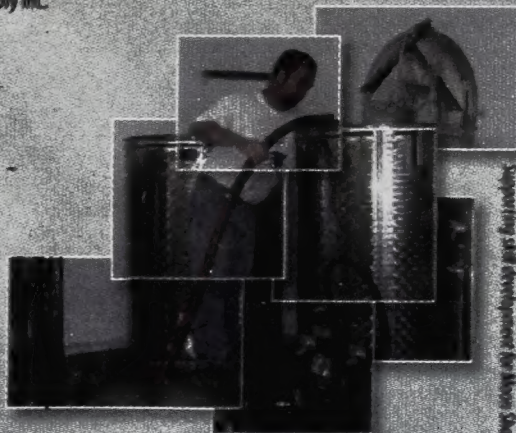
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The West Guilford community centre grounds received a pounding from the storm, losing many trees. Fortunately, the centre escaped unscathed by the vicious storm.



## Environment Canada confirms tornado touchdown in West Guilford

GREG HOEKSTRA

Staff Reporter

If you ask seven-year-old Greg Crofts what took place in West Guilford on Wednesday night, he might just give a different answer than most other members of the community.

"I still think it was an alien," he says innocently, referring to the trail of destruction caused by a vicious storm that tore through area, downing a plethora of trees and power lines in its path.

Of course, Greg has since been reassured by his by his parents, Karena and Kevin Crofts, and more recently by Environment Canada, that the devastation suffered in the area was actually the result of a tornado, which touched down in the vicinity of the West Guilford community centre, directly adjacent to the Crofts' household.

Fortunately, none of the family members were hurt during the storm and, likewise, their home sustained only minor damages after two trees fell on top of their home and a third, more threatening tree, fell just to the north.

"I still can't figure out how it didn't come down on the cars or the house," says Kevin. "I'm convinced there's someone looking after us."

Somewhere around 8 p.m. Karena and Greg were sitting on their porch, which overlooks Kennisis Lake Rd. and Pine Lake to the east, when the sky turned dark, signalling a thunderstorm en route. Then, unexpected and fierce winds whipped up from the south (towards the community centre) and took the two by surprise.

Running inside, the pair called out for Kevin, who had been resting in the upstairs bedroom. Kevin jumped out of bed only to see "the sky turn green," and instinctively he whisked his family into the basement.

"I've only seen a green sky twice in my life, and last time it was a tornado in Kinmount," he says.

When the storm calmed 10 to 15 minutes later, the family reemerged from the basement, only to find that their yard was a complete mess, two trees were resting on their rooftop, and perhaps most shockingly, nearly all of the signature pine trees in front of the community centre had been toppled, uprooted, or snapped in half like matchsticks.

But in the end, Kevin says that he's grateful the storm wasn't worse, as a mess is easier to recover from than a tragedy.

"We made it, everybody's okay, and that's the main thing," he says. "Now it's just clean-up time."

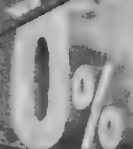
Greg Crofts is still convinced that aliens are responsible for the path of destruction left behind by the storm. The Crofts home is directly adjacent to the community centre

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# It started out like any other fishing trip

JOHN WHALING

Wednesday August 2nd started out like most of our fishing trips. My brother Ron and I had a little bantering, betting, and even belittling about who was the better angler. Little did we know that we had bigger worries than outdoing each other coming along the horizon. We were out fishing on Cranberry Lake and got caught in the biggest storm either one of us have ever experienced.

We launched our canoe at the public site and took off in search of our trophy fish. The conditions were perfect and, considering that my brother was shortly leaving to live in China, we were quite excited to have this last little bonding event.

We were 2-3 km from our launching site and started to hear the thunder. One more cast turned into 20 and we found ourselves in the middle of a severe electrical storm. Lightning was flashing straight down around us so we got off the lake as quickly as we could. We pulled the canoe to shore and sat on a stranger's dock and decided to wait out the lightning. Both of us would never admit it but, because it was only 7:15 p.m., all we were thinking about was which lure to use next and how to pose in the picture with our soon-to-be-caught big fish once the storm had passed. We didn't realize we were just about to experience the true power of mother nature.

While sitting on the dock I humorously said to my brother, "It could be worse - it could be raining". Once I said that it was like God was listening and sent his worst. The rain came down extremely hard so we went farther up the bank and sought refuge under a gazebo.

Then the storm hit - WOW! The gazebo blew apart and the trees in front of us snapped. We ran and pulled our canoe onto the dock and with nowhere else to go we waited in the forest area. The winds were howling and started snapping trees around us. We found the biggest tree and waited under it only to have it blow over by its roots.

These events, combined with the consistent lightning,

made us feel like the only safe area may be the roadway so we made a break for it. As we were running it sounded like a train tearing through the forest - it was wild and frightening.

Our plan was then to follow the roadway to the boat launch, get our van, retrieve our canoe, and head home. Once we got to the roadway we found a flaw in our plan - the roads were covered by huge trees. Our look of bewilderment must have been transparent because we heard a voice calling out to see if we were alright. We then discovered true north hospitality.

A man who introduced himself as Ralph met us at his doorway with two dry shirts. At this point my brother and I had been out in the storm for over an hour and we were soaking wet and extremely rattled. He offered to try and take us to our van in his pickup and jokingly told us not to worry if my van was smashed by trees because he owned his own auto-body shop.

We got about one kilometre down the road only to discover the road too badly covered by fallen trees - even for a four-wheel drive. Ralph then took us back to his home where he and his wife Betty invited another stranded motorist into their home to wait out the tail end of the storm. We waited it out in his home until the roads works crew cleared the roadways. Ralph then took us to our van which was surrounded by broken trees. We retreated to the area where our canoe was waiting - loaded and left.

I took my wife in the morning to see the Cranberry Lake area. She had obviously thought that, like most other fishing stories, I embellished our adventure. When she saw all the snapped trees where we were she was happy we were safe and glad Ralph and his wife Betty provided a safe haven to wait out the tail end of the storm.

I hope these two people know how much my brother and I appreciate what they did for us. Going through this tornado-like storm made us truly appreciate the power of nature and the impact of goodwill towards others.

John Whaling lives in Grimsby.



Ron and John Whaling were fishing on Cranberry Lake when they got caught up in Wednesday's terrifying storm.

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### MAN FIGURES PLANKTON STOPPED HIS RARE CANCER

Valerie Wilson

Tom Harper didn't plan on finding a remedy for his cancer.

The founder of Unique Sea Farms in Cedar was merely looking for an innovative way to extract phytoplankton from the ocean -- and then recreate its bloom in tanks. Harper was successful in his quest, and thinks it may also be responsible for stopping in its tracks a rare form of lung cancer. Doctors had given him nine months to live.

The process Harper developed begins with extracting a small amount of seawater from the Strait of Georgia through a pipeline that sinks some 80-feet below the water's surface, says company marketing director Tiffany Haarsma, Harper's daughter.

"We bring in a small amount of seawater and then we start the bloom process," Haarsma said. "Dad has recreated the bloom process in the tanks. We can grow up to 45 tonnes of bloom a day."

At first, Harper was feeding the phytoplankton-microalgae, made up of 200 single cells, exclusively to shellfish. But several months ago, while walking among the tanks at his business, he decided to have a taste himself.

"I said 'are you crazy?'" Haarsma said of her initial reaction. "You can't stick your fingers in the algae." Harper's response: "What have I got to lose?"

One year ago Harper was diagnosed with a rare form of lung cancer for which there is

no known cure. Since he began eating the algae, the cancerous tumours in his lungs have stopped growing and are now benign, a



Researcher Tom Harper and his daughter Tiffany Haarsma show bottles of UMAC CORE, the name given to the product that Tom credits with stopping his rare form of lung cancer in its tracks. - Glenn Olsen, The Daily News

situation Harper said has puzzled his physicians.

"They did 11 sites for biopsy and every one of them is clear," he said.

Harper was also an insulin-dependent

diabetic but no longer requires the insulin since taking the algae.

Haarsma said she had an underactive thyroid and could not control her weight. Then she also started eating the algae and went from a size 12 to a size eight in just four months.

"My intention wasn't to lose weight, it was preventative," she said.

Haarsma said she has no way of knowing for certain whether the algae contributed to her father's newfound good health. But she's glad he decided to eat it, all the same.

"I still walk into the office and get all choked up," she said. "(Dad) is still here!"

Until recently, the company was in the business of producing shellfish seed. The focus now is on meeting the human demand for the algae, available in numerous health food stores in both capsule and liquid form.

"No one has it for human consumption in the world," Haarsma said of UMAC CORE, the name given to the product. "It is really, really exciting."

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"When you are taking a supplement you are missing co-factors," Haarsma said.

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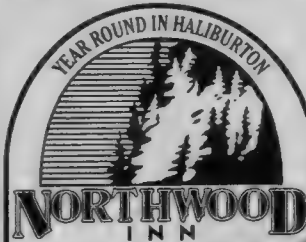
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# Bakers put troubles into perspective

MARTHA PERKINS

Editor

Complaining to John and Suzanne Baker about the inconvenience caused by Wednesday's storm is like moaning about having the flu to someone who has cancer.

The Bakers put a lot of your troubles in perspective.

Take the two 100' poplars which have crashed through the roof of their cottage on Blueberry Road on Drag Lake. Looks bad enough from the outside but when you see the damage from within, that's when you notice the tree branched that has pierced the roof like a spear – right over their bed. Cracks in the wall and the glimpses of sunshine in the ceiling give you an idea of how much work is ahead.

Stand in the kitchen to look out at the lake and there is a view of trees, only they're not standing. Instead they're blocking the view. There are several more blocking the path leading down to the lake. (The Echo's camera conked out while trying to record the damage. Maybe it knew that seeing the photos in print would have broken the Bakers' hearts a little bit more.)

Built onto the side of a steep hill, the London couple's cottage took what may have been the worst hit on Drag Lake. That's a distinction they could have lived without.

This has not been a good year for the Bakers who had always found solace at the cottage. She's a retired biology teacher, he's a retired electrical engineer with Bell.

MARTHA PERKINS/Echo



Two 100' poplars crashed through the Bakers' cottage on Blueberry Road on Drag Lake.

When the power went out on Wednesday night, they went out on the deck. "We sat there wondering if a storm was coming," Suzanne says. "Then I said to John, 'What is that sound? It sounds like a freight train but far away.'"

It started to rain so the Bakers rushed inside to close all the windows and light some candles. "There was no lightning, no thunder. All of a sudden it was thump, thump, crash, crash," she says. "We didn't have time to go to the basement."

"It was all over in a minute," John adds.

Their reaction can only be described as shock – a shock that's still working its way through their systems.

Once they realized how badly damaged the house was, John went upstairs and saw the rain coming through the hole in the roof. He also saw the branch poised over their bed like a sword. Thank God, he thought, that the storm didn't hit when they were sleeping. "If the storm had happened at night we figure we wouldn't be here," John says, still shaken.

He got their grandchildren's wading pool and put it under the gaping hole.

A couple of drinks to calm their nerves later, there was nothing they could do but go to bed. It was not a good sleep.

The phone was out and there was no way they could leave to get help the next morning; trees covered the steep driveway in a tangled mass.

But help arrived in the shape of Derek Beachli, who was working at another property on the road. He called Hawk River Construction and together with neighbours with chainsaws, they all started working at opposite ends of the road. They started at 6:30 in the morning and reached each other at 2:30 in the afternoon, making a passable route through the carnage.

On Saturday the Bakers were overwhelmed by the task ahead. Although the first call to their insurance company informed them they would not get any money for removing the trees from the roof, an adjuster who visited later reassured them he'd do all he could to help. Because it's such a long drive from the cottage back home to London, where at least there's hydro and running water, they've had to camp out at the cottage as they wait for tree and building specialists to arrive and figure out how to get out of the mess.

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The Bakers have quite the view of the damage done to their property.



# Family lives through second tornado in a month

MARTHA PERKINS

Editor

On July 17, a tornado ripped through the Blakeley family's neighbourhood in Newmarket. Trees toppled, windows smashed and \$35,000 in damage was done to their house and property.

After spending almost two weeks cleaning up all the glass from broken windows and dealing with insurance adjusters, Kim Blease-Blakeley, her husband Peter Blakeley and sons Zachary and Nicholas decided to pack up their remaining car – their second vehicle was in for a paint job after all the storm damage – and head for their cottage on Drag Lake.

On Wednesday evening, Kim remarked to everyone, "It's so nice to have someplace that's so serene."

Ah. Sometimes it's better to keep happy thoughts to oneself.

"It was the same experience," she says two days after what appears to be a tornado ripped along Blueberry Road on the east shore of Drag Lake. "A storm comes up and there's a lot of unrest in the air. There's wind and there's rain and suddenly it's out of control."

Only this time she was looking out the window of the cottage and "suddenly it was like something from a kids' movie – like an invisible giant was trampling through the forest. Things started to fly by the window. I figured we're done."

Farther up the shore, Vaughn Davis was also watching the storm. "Suddenly the winds came from the north and that's when it got scary. It felt like being in a car wash. It was very quick. The sensation lasted 45 seconds to a minute. I've never seen the wind come from the north like that. On the ridge all the trees are knocked over like bowling pins."

On the south shore, David LaFerle went out on his dock after the storm passed and saw the strangest sight: a large floating tube came from around the bay, pushed forward by swells almost a metre high. The large waves had no white caps and you could see them push the tube along the shore and out of view.

Back at the Blakeley cottage everyone was recovering from the shock of being caught in the midst of a second violent storm within two and a half weeks.

"It was really, really scary," says Zach. The first tornado was later in the evening so the boys were in bed. This time they saw and heard the wind's fury. "We really thought the roof was coming in."

"You would not believe the devastation on our road," their mother adds. Property after property was



After a tornado ripped through their Newmarket neighbourhood on July 17, the Blakeleys decided to come up to the Highlands and relax at their cottage on Drag Lake, only to experience another twister.

hit, some losing all their trees. "The landscape has completely changed."

There's little structural damage and the roads were cleared thanks to the help of Derek Beachli, Chris Miller of Landscape Concepts and Hawk River Construction crews. Jason Parish, who was worried about his grandmother Etzie Chambers, also arrived with a chainsaw to give the neighbours a hand clearing a path through the private road.

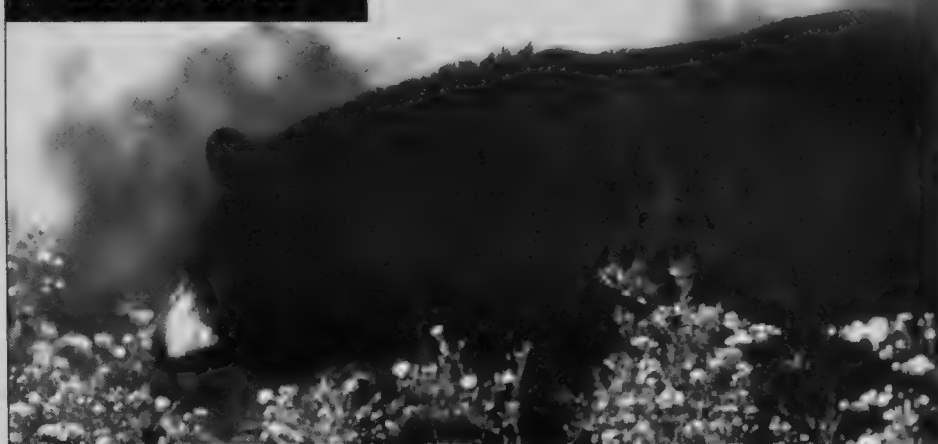
"They were all salt-of-the-earth, do-anything-to-help people," says Peter. "The community spirit is just

unbelievable."

Everyone's been telling the Blakeleys how unlucky they've been but she disagrees. "We're probably one of the luckiest families to have gone through two tornadoes without anyone hurt – although I'm sure the insurance companies won't agree with us. We went out and bought lottery tickets."

But isn't she worried that things come in threes? Nope. That's already been taken care of. On the week-end before the first tornado the toilet at their business burst, flooding the building.

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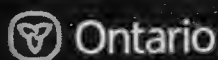
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# Most power should be restored Wednesday

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"Everything is still under investigation," she said.

Microbursts can have winds from 120 to 170 km/hr. Tornadoes' winds range from 60 to 500 km an hour. Signs of a tornado are narrow paths through forests with twisted trees lying in many different directions. With a microburst the winds toss the trees around like a fan.

Wong says Ontario's storm season got off to a slow start but it's quickly made up for it. "It was like a pent up energy in the atmosphere."

Typically there are 14 tornadoes a season and last week's tornadoes had Ontario reaching that number.

"It's highly unusual in that we've already had 14 tornadoes and we still have another two months of potentially severe weather to go."

The windstorm shocked the Highlands into eerie silence on Wednesday night but it didn't take long for the sounds of chainsaws and generators to fill the void left by the widespread power outage that followed in the storm's wake.

All hopes of spending the holiday weekend relaxing on the dock or enjoying a three-day break from responsibilities were quickly dashed by the storm.

These are traditionally the busiest weeks of the year in the Highlands and thousands of people were at their cottages or camps when the storm hit. No one was seriously hurt but thousands of trees were destroyed and the property damage was excessive.

The trees around the West Guilford Community Centre were mown down, but fortunately they fell on top of one another instead of on the centre itself.

St. Peter's Church on Maple Lake lost most of its trees but they too had the grace to fall away from the historic stone building. Across Stanhope it was almost as if the winds or tornado jumped from place to place, causing several small

pockets of damage, Reeve Eleanor Harrison said. Matabanick Inn on Boshkung Lake suffered some of the worst damage in Algonquin Highlands.

Highlands East declared a state of emergency to ensure that road crews could get out to the trouble areas.

There was very little damage in either Minden or Haliburton, the two villages which were the first to get power restored almost 24 hours after the storm hit. (Wilberforce also got power on Thursday night and it was restored in Eagle Lake by the next morning. West Guilford got it Saturday night.)

All of Haliburton County lost power at the exact same time (approximately 8 p.m.) after trees caused significant damage to the three main feeder lines at the Minden transformer station, which distributes electricity to surrounding sub-stations.

Hydro officials are expecting that most of the towns and villages will have power restored when they wake up on Tuesday morning, but for outlying areas it could take until the end of day on Wednesday, says Bill Smeaton, Hydro One's customer operations manager.

By Monday Hydro One had 300 men working in the area, with more crews arriving as storm damage was cleared in other parts of the province. As of Monday, the crew had grown to 300 staff, with workers coming in from across the province to lend a hand.

Hydro One says that the amount of work that had to be done was the equivalent of all the improvement work it would undertake in a year. There were more than 900 field staff and 11 helicopters working to restore power province-wide.

Other trouble spots included Combermere, where a Canadian Tire was flattened by a tornado, Bancroft, Penetang, and Bracebridge. On Monday, five full days after the storm, there were still 8,500 households in Haliburton



CASEY LESSARD/ECHO

Harburn Road was closed until Friday afternoon. Road crews were slowed in their efforts to remove the fallen trees by the hydro lines entwined with all the branches. Dysart's Gord Bourgeois and Peter Johnson discuss strategy with Roger Pockett.

County without power.

Smeaton says the crews were working 16 hours a day, resting at night when there was little visibility.

One of the main concerns was that people were touching downed hydro lines, believing they were dead. The more time that had elapsed since the power outage, the more risks people took. However, there is always that chance that improperly-installed generators kick power back into the system.

Because there were so many trees on lines, Smeaton says workers had to be extra careful before switching the power back on. They couldn't risk sparking from the downed wires starting a fire. "We literally have to go station to station and open our switches."

"Hydro's been awesome. Awesome," Dysart roads superintendent Brian Nicholson said Friday night. Road crews needed hydro's help in many trouble spots because of the downed wires and hydro was extremely responsive in addressing the municipality's priority areas.

Roads crews worked day and night to make the roads passable. By Thursday at noon, the Harburn Road was the only county road to remain blocked because hydro lines were caught up in the jangle of fallen trees. County Road 503 from Gooderham to Buckhorn was also closed because of damage in Peterborough

County.

Everyone's main priority was ensuring that emergency crews could have access to the thousands of properties along the hundreds of normally picturesque forested roads that lead to lakes. While the power outage, which left nearly no corner of the Highlands untouched, was of concern, municipal politicians were also deeply worried about the number of downed telephone lines. How would people along these cottage roads contact emergency personnel if there was a problem?

"I'd feel a lot better if they had phones at least," Dysart et al Reeve Murray.

The health unit was concerned about the dozens of camps in the area, especially since some of them have treated water facilities that run on electricity.

Camps were contacted either by phone or in person to try to ensure that everyone was alright.

Under the county's emergency preparedness plan, there was a meeting at 6 a.m. on Thursday morning of everyone who was trying to cope with the storm's aftermath: hydro, EMS, roads departments, OPP, health unit, social services and politicians. They met again at noon for an update and establish priorities, as well as the next morning.

EMS's Bob English says one of the important tasks was to help people stay calm in such a stressful situation.

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**Centre grounds decimated**

Massive pine trees that once towered above the West Guilford community centre

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# Ice is a hot commodity when fridges stop working

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tomers lined up and down Highland Street.

Dunec sold hundreds of hot dogs and sausages on Thursday, with a steady stream of customers snaking from his barbecue stand in front of Perfect Prints. He says that since he was more or less the only source of food and drink in the entire village people started gathering around him before he'd even unloaded his cart.

"At one point it was like throwing chum in the water and watching the sharks circle," he laughs. "It was good for business, but I wouldn't want to do it every day...I'd probably blow a gasket."

Generally most businesses in the Highlands look forward to busy long weekends, but Wednesday's storm made them busy in ways they didn't expect. As a result of the widespread power outage, demand for necessities and supplies skyrocketed, leaving the few retailers that remained open scrambling to keep up.

Todd's Independent Grocer managed to remain partially open with the use of generators and freezer trucks, but the fuel bar on site was forced to close, as sparks from generators render them unsafe to power gas pumps.

Oddly enough, fuel attendants Sally Winter and Christine MacAusland say that even with the gas bar technically closed, sales continued to roll in on Thursday.

The two stopped by the workplace in order to get a few bags of ice for their own households and within minutes they were swarmed by customers in search of ice and propane. Though they weren't on duty, and weren't being paid to be there, MacAusland and Winter ended up staying more than an hour to service the needs of community members in dire straits.

"In a small community, you do whatever you can to keep everybody going," says Winter.

Upon reopening on Friday morning, Winter found a lineup of cars awaiting her at 7:45 a.m., from the gas pumps all the way down to Industrial Park Rd., waiting anxiously with their right-hand blinkers flashing.

In her eight-hour shift, Winter says the gasoline didn't stop flowing once, and likewise, she also sold 106 tanks of propane, case upon case of bottled water, every last battery remaining on the shelves, and all but one container of chainsaw oil.

Demand for ice became so high over the weekend that Winter says one man began scraping the remaining frost from the inside of the gas bar's empty ice cooler after all of the bags had sold out.

Bob Park of Haliburton IGA says he was extremely



After giving away as much ice cream as they could, staff at Haliburton IGA had to throw out the rest. The store is relieved it lost "only" \$15,000 in groceries when the power went out.

fortunate in that both a refrigerator truck and a freezer truck arrived with deliveries on Wednesday night and Thursday morning. He left the stock in the trucks and then spent night and day filling the trucks with supplies from the store.

He estimates he lost only \$15,000 in frozen foods. "My insurance company was ecstatic," he says, since he has approximately \$700,000 in inventory. He too sold water and essential supplies on Thursday and was open for business on Friday morning.

"I'm selling a skid of ice every hour," he says. That's 260 bags of ice a skid from Hyland Ice, which could keep up with demand as long as it didn't have to keep up with deliveries.

Mike Croft, owner of Hyland Ice Supply in Wilberforce, says under normal circumstances his company makes deliveries to customers once or twice a week. In the wake of the storm, his product became such a hot commodity that customers were requesting two deliveries a day, which he simply couldn't keep up with.

"We've never seen that before," Croft says. "We could hardly get it off the truck fast enough."

Midnight Madness, downtown Haliburton's celebration of bargains, was busy on Friday night but the crowd milling on the main street and in the stores was smaller than usual, perhaps because radio stations were warning cottagers either not to come up or to be ready to survive without water or electricity - if they could even reach their properties.

Kim Emmerson was selling Rotary car tickets at Midnight Madness. He owns Emmerson Lumber where the phones started ringing at 7 a.m. on Thursday morning. "There had to be 500 calls for generators," he says. "If I hear that word again..."

By the weekend, Emmerson Lumber was able to advertise the availability of generators and throughout

the county, people with generators in the back of their trucks were doing a brisk business.

Cindy and Earl Cox, owners of the Lakeside Golf Club in West Guilford, were shocked to find more than 100 trees strewn about their course on Wednesday evening after a confirmed tornado touched down in the area. But as much of a surprise as the damage was, Cindy says the two were even more surprised when 80 community members showed up the next morning with pickup trucks and chainsaws to aid in the cleanup effort.

"It was truly unbelievable," she says. "I've never seen anything like it in my life. It's so great to know that the community cares."

After a solid two days of cleanup efforts, the course was open for business early Saturday morning, which is a true testament to the power of teamwork and community spirit.

Local resorts had many guests in-house when the storm knocked out the electricity, which in turn knocked out their water pumps and septic facilities.

Andrea Hagarty was talking on the phone with her husband Monte Miscio as he drove from town to town on Thursday looking for a generator to buy to keep BonnieView Inn up and running. One of the guests overheard her and arranged to send up his generator from home.

"The guests were amazing," says Hagarty, who was touched by their spirit of helpfulness and support.

Jean-Edouard de Marenches at the Domain of Killien kept his guests happy with the inn's usual five-course gourmet meals thanks to a generator. The inn remained busy throughout the power outage.

Some of the larger resorts were forced to close temporarily due to a lack of electricity, which resulted in many visitors cutting their vacations short.

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## Dysart fire crews pull an all-nighter

On Thursday morning, the most vital piece of equipment was missing from the Dysart fire hall: a comfortable place to sleep.

The bleary-eyed volunteer firefighters and support staff had been up the entire night trying to cope with the aftermath of the storm.

Their long night began with a fire on Pelaw River near Redstone Lake. A generator may have started a fire in a garage and the fire quickly spread to the cottage, which was saved.

As well as fighting that fire, firefighters helped the county's paramedics respond to a variety of medical calls including a boy who was hurt by a falling branch, and a man who fell down the stairs in the dark.

The firefighters then had to put their boat to good work. On Thursday morning, a woman from Toronto phoned EMS. Her father was sick and required oxygen and when she couldn't get in touch with them at their cottage on Drag Lake, she started to worry.

Paramedics tried to reach the cottage on Indian Point but were blocked by trees on the Harburn Road. They then travelled to Eagle Lake and Fort Irwin to get on the Harburn Road from the east. Their passage was once again blocked by the widespread swath of trees on Indian Point Road so they went to the Domain of Killien to wait for firefighters who came by boat from the south end of the lake to take them to the cottage. It turns out the man was fine.

After a meeting among all emergency personnel, road crews, social services, and hydro officials at the Dysart municipal office at noon, some firefighters went back in the boat to patrol the southern shores of Drag Lake. They dropped by docks to make sure everyone was fine. The OPP also had a boat on the lake that afternoon.

Martha Perkins

## Don't burn brush, exhausted fire dep't asks

In the wake of last Wednesday's storm, the Dysart fire department is asking that local residents and cottagers refrain from burning any brush and debris left on their properties until a better solution can be found.

Deputy Fire Chief Mike Wood says that over the past week fire crews have become completely exhausted responding to a cottage fire, medical assist calls, small electrical fires, and false alarms set off by dying battery back-up systems. As a result, they are asking for cooperation from the community in order to avoid the outbreak of any additional fires caused by burning debris.

"We're just overburdened at the moment," Wood says.

Though a total fire ban is not legally enforceable, Wood is hopeful that people will honour the request out of respect to fire crews. With that being said, existing by-laws already restrict property owners from burning brush during daylight hours, and Wood advises residents that those restrictions will be strictly enforced over the next few weeks.

Wood suggests that residents either hold on to their debris temporarily, or if possible, dispose of it in a safer manner such as chipping. Although burning is a quick and inexpensive way to get rid of the waste, he says that debris fires can quickly get out of control, and flying sparks pose the added danger of igniting nearby forest floors.

Meanwhile, Dysart is not allowing brush at its landfills. The dumps are already filling up rapidly as people dispose of tens of thousands of dollars of spoiled food from their freezers. (Food can stay in an unopened freezer for two days without power.)

Wood says the crews would like to thank community members for their ongoing support thus far, including a scores of telephone calls to advise them of hazardous situations. At this point, Wood says he remains hopeful that residents will continue to support fire crews by self-regulating themselves and choosing not to burn debris in the coming days.

Greg Hoekstra



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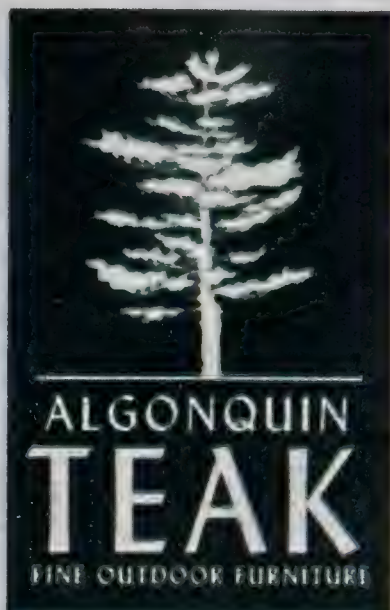
The road closing is to accommodate the installation of two concrete drainage structures located 1.3 km. and 3.0 km. east of the intersection of County Road 121 and County Road 1.

Access to the north end of the construction may be accomplished by County Road 121, Highway 35 and County Road 16.

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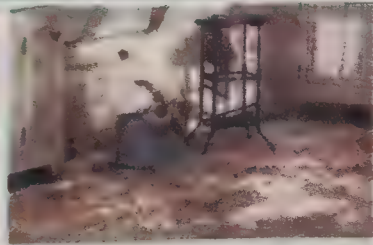
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LYN WINANS/Special to The Echo

A prayer for St. Peter's

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1. Use extreme care with chain saws; this equipment is extremely dangerous for inexperienced operators. Trees leaning into standing trees are often under strain and pressure, they can spring back and hit the chain saw operator.

2. Do not attempt to clear any tree from a utility line - wait for the professionals

3. Inspect your standing trees for cracks in the trunk and major limbs - put up flagging tape to demarcate the danger zone, keep people and pets away.

4. Take photos for your insurance claim.

5. Consider a salvage operation if you have a large number of saw logs - 12' or larger at chest height, espe-

cially if they are hardwood or pine. Foresters will know reliable loggers, local market conditions, and regulatory requirements. If possible, make plans to salvage within the first six months after storm damage.

Consider retaining some storm-damaged trees and downed debris for wildlife habitat. Trees with broken tops or large broken limbs, and larger diameter downed wood, provide valuable habitat for wildlife.

Generally, the higher the break and smaller diameter the break point, the higher the probability that the tree will recover. Trees bent near or past horizontal will probably not recover. The best course of action may be to remove damaged trees and replant.

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# Friends helping friends

*Carole and Bob Gutteridge grateful for neighbourly spirit*

MARTHA PERKINS

Editor

Everyone has a storm story. Mine involves my parents in Lindsay, their friends at a cottage on Drag Lake and their friends' daughter in San Diego.

Bob and Carole Gutteridge live in the same condo building as my parents but last Wednesday night they were at his sister's cottage in the Highlands. They stood in front of the picture window watching the sky turn white and the waves rise to a metre high, whipped up by a sudden and ferocious wind.

"It was really scary," Bob has no trouble admitting.

Next door, another couple had been sitting on their deck when they looked across the bay and saw a purple sky. It was an ominous message; they read it to mean it was time to go inside.

Given the scene that would greet everyone along True North Road the next morning, you'd think they all would have been terrified by the sounds

MARTHA PERKINS/ECHO



When a tree fell on Bob and Carole Gutteridge's car at a Drag Lake cottage during the storm, their daughter in San Diego started worrying about them. She phoned their friend, Bill Perkins, right, who lives in their condo building in Lindsay. He drove up to Haliburton to rescue them. His daughter, Echo editor Martha Perkins, navigated through the downed trees.

of crashing trees, their roots either no longer able to hold onto the thin soil or their trunks split like a broken matchstick.

But no. What they all remember is how quietly the trees fell. One neighbour, Frank Powers, even called it graceful.

Fall they did, though, crisscrossing each other in a massive tangled heap of leaves and branches and trunks. Some trees fell on the hydro lines, pulling the poles partway out of the ground.

Driveways and roads were meaningless ways of trying to impose order on a forest. It was a mess.

The next morning it took a while to get over the shock of seeing all those trees on the ground. There was a tremendous sense of loss – and not just of hydro power and phone service. Those trees still looked magnificent but their beauty was distorted by all the odd angles in which they were lying.

It was a poplar that landed on the

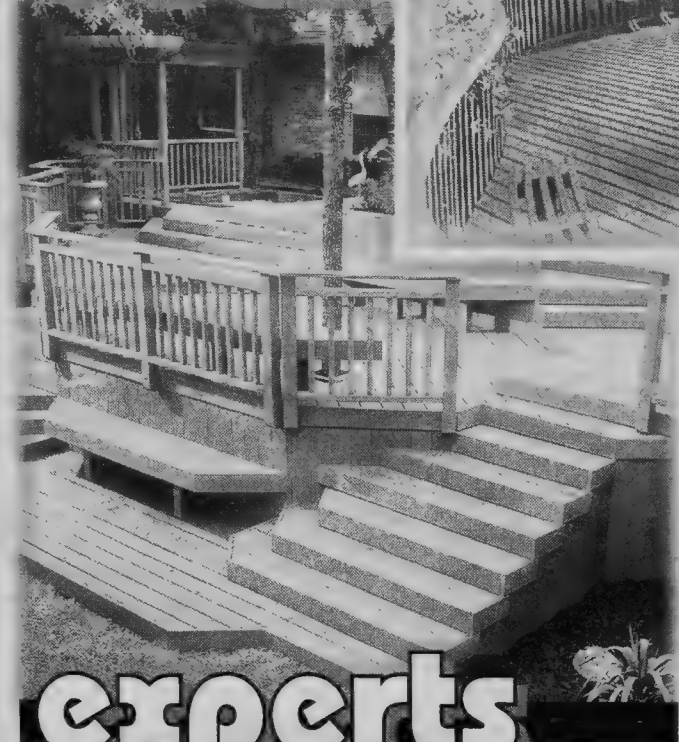
Gutteridges' car, bounced off its roof and smashed the front window. They had just had it cleaned, inside and out, in hopes of selling it and its pristine whiteness seemed such a waste.

The immobilized car was the reason that my parents or, more specifically, my father Bill, comes into this story.

It was tough enough that the Gutteridges had had to spend the night

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# Trees litter road like game of pick-up sticks

from page 23

without electricity but it was also a night without sleep because Bob has sleep apnea. He stops breathing dozens of times a night, making it difficult for either one of them to get much rest. A machine that regulates his breathing had made a tremendous difference in their lives but it does so only when it's plugged in. The storm had rendered the machine useless.

Bob and Carole weren't overly concerned on Thursday when they phoned their daughter Allison in San Diego. Their only remaining child, Allison worries about them and, given their previous health problems, uses the phone to get reassurance that they're okay. If she wasn't able to reach them because the phone lines were down, they knew she'd worry.

Carole had to conserve her cell phone's dwindling battery power so she didn't leave it on all the time. Instead, she found a place where there was patchy but sufficient reception to let Allison know what had happened.

When Allison hung up after talking to her parents, she called my parents. She didn't want her parents to face another night without electricity so would my parents mind driving up to Haliburton to get them? My parents didn't hesitate to say yes because the Gutteridges are such fine, decent friends. However, my mother had organized a social evening at the condo so she decided to stay behind. That's when my father phoned me.

The Echo was operating on one phone that could only handle incoming calls. By chance I was at the office when my father phoned because my phone's been out since the storm hit. Because I was in town to help with

our coverage of the storm, I knew that access to the Gutteridges' cottage was blocked. Dysart road crews had been able to clear a path down the devastated Indian Point Road because of an earlier medical emergency but hydro wires entwined in fallen trees on the

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The whole neighbourhood came together.  
Gary Barnett bulldozed through the trees.  
We wouldn't be out if it wasn't for him

FRANK POWERS, DRAG LAKE

Harburn Road had stalled the county's efforts to clear the first stage of the route.

There was no way (or so I thought, perhaps as a sign of ageism) that my father would be able to find “the long way” around: Haliburton to Eagle Lake, Eagle Lake to Fort Irwin and Fort Irwin to Drag Lake. It would be tough enough to find the place once he turned onto Indian Point Road so I told him to pick me up at the Echo and we'd go together.

As one of eight children it is such a pleasure to spend some time alone with my parents and having the chance to be one-on-one with my father was part of my motivation in suggesting our little road trip. We oohed and aahed when we saw the damage done to the forest

along Indian Point Road and of course I chose the most inopportune time to tell my father that a woman had recently died on the side road we were travelling – right when we were forced to go under two large trees that were making a canopied bridge above the road.

We found the Gutteridges walking along the road surveying the damage, their belongings already packed and sitting at the end of the driveway. They were in good spirits and used the word “amazing” a lot. It was an amazing storm, an amazing amount of destruction and an amazing example of neighbourhood spirit that we had been able to drive down the road that had been a shambles of trees and branches just a few hours earlier.

They told the story of Gary Barnett who was building a house at the end of the road. Gary had ridden out the storm in a trailer, a rather unsettling experience, and his two vehicles were both damaged. His backhoe was unscathed, however, and he used it to clear a path once the chainsaws had been silenced. “We wouldn't have been able to get out if it wasn't for him,” Frank Powers said.

A neighbour's chainsaw was still going and the sound of blade cutting into wood is one that will be heard for weeks and months to come. There'll be no shortage of firewood along the True North Road for the next decade at least.

Despite the circumstances, it was a rather enjoyable experience, another reminder of what makes people, including our parents, our friends. These three, who had lived through the Depression and a world war, were inconvenienced by the storm but unfazed. They just felt sorry for all the trees.

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## Trees block road to Wanakita

Dennis Choptiany e-mailed this photo to us, saying "It will give you an idea of the problems that faced Dysart Road Superintendent Brian Nicholson's team and the people from Hydro One when they tried to get electrical service to Camp Wanakita."



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# Thanks go to all those working on storm damage

When a storm rages through an area as the one did last Wednesday night (August 2, 2006), many people are affected in so many ways. Just getting by, tending to basic needs without electrical power has been a struggle for many. It's amazing how people do cope and help others manage. Having roads and driveways

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blocked by fallen trees, losing trees can be such a blow. Lacking telephone service adds to the feeling of an actual loss.

Many thanks to hydro, telephone, and municipal workers and to volunteers

who have worked long and hard to restore power, communications, and travel systems.

May we extend our appreciation to the Highlands Summer Festival group in Haliburton for dealing so well with having two evening performances cancelled because of the storm and power failure. Through hard working phone callers and messages at the theatre the Thursday program was rescheduled for Saturday evening. Though not all ticket holders were able to take in that performance, there was an appreciative audience for a fine evening's entertainment. Melissa Stephens not only accompanied the very impressive bass-baritone Jon-Paul Décosse, but she delighted the audience with super solo piano presentations of a Mozart sonata, Bela Bartok's Romanian Folk Dances, and George Gershwin's Preludes for Piano.

Jon-Paul Décosse, noted for his vocal and dramatic presentations, did not disappoint. Both his operatic and concert selections were greatly entertaining. They ranged from Italian, Russian, and French opera selections to Blue Mountain ballads and songs by George Gershwin. Mr. Décosse will be joining the Canadian Opera Company ensemble studio for the 2006-07 season. He last appeared in Haliburton in an opera tribute concert of the Haliburton Messiah choir.

Many in this area are greatly anticipating the arrival of the National Historic Site of Canada plaque at the Red Cross outpost historic house. It will be unveiled here at a very special ceremony on Tuesday, August 15. Wilberforce Heritage Guild members who operate the museum at the site and the Municipality of Highlands East, which owns and supports the building, are delighted with its designation as a national historic site and glad to be a part of the celebration.

Among those expected are former Red Cross nurses Marion (Campbell) Tallman and Elsie (Turner) Metcalfe, representatives of the National Historic Sites and Monuments board, Parks Canada, the Presidents of



The Wilberforce Outpost Museum, the Red Cross's first rural hospital in Ontario, will be declared a National Historic Site on Tuesday, August 15.

the Canadian Red Cross, and a number of Red Cross branch members.

The formal ceremony begins at 2 p.m. so come early to enjoy musical entertainment beforehand. Everyone is very welcome. Refreshments will be served following the ceremony.

Colleen Ward called to let us know that the United Church was very busy this past weekend at Horseshoe Days in Gooderham. They had a successful bake sale and craft sale on Saturday and served a farmer's breakfast on Sunday. Their 50/50 winner was Shirley Riley.

We understand there was lots of action with some fine rounds of horseshoes, as well as the popular demolition derby and wrestling. The children enjoyed many activities as well. Congratulations to organizers in Gooderham for running this annual community event.

The Decoration Day service will be at the Wilberforce United Church this coming Sunday, August 13 at 11:30 a.m., at which those buried in the Wilberforce cemetery just across from the church will be remembered. All are welcome for the service and the fellowship following at the pot luck luncheon.

The following Sunday, August 20, the Gooderham United Church will celebrate its 112th anniversary at a service beginning at 10 a.m.. The choir and congrega-

tion from the church will be joining in that service. There will be no service at the church that Sunday.

The afternoon tea at the Outpost on Saturday, August 5 was a pleasant time. As well as enjoying the refreshments in a historic setting, visitors helped with the drawing of the winning ticket in the annual quilt and cushions raffle. Congratulations to Meighan Agnew who won the lovely prizes. Many thanks to all who sold and bought tickets.

The Heritage Guild also thanks Sylvia Tallman for donating the material for the quilt tops, to Alfretha O'Rourke for assembling it and creating the cushions, to quilters and to all who helped make this fundraiser a success. Funds go to the operation of the Outpost Museum. Thanks to Trish Vanier for designing the delightful posters to advertise the tea and to W.H.G. members for providing the lovely refreshments.

We wish the Wilberforce Agricultural Fair great success this coming weekend, beginning Friday evening, August 11, and continuing all day Saturday August 12.

Likewise, best wishes to all the artists and crafts people in the Highlands East Arts and Crafts tour Saturday and Sunday, August 12 and 13. Locate any one of the studios and they will provide information about the other participants. Looks like a great tour.

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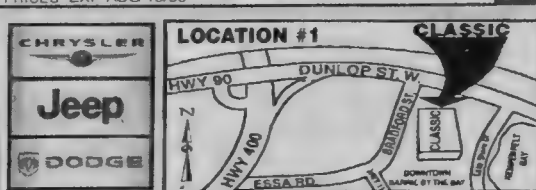
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Although the crowds were smaller than usual because of the storm and resulting power outage, there were still lots of people in Haliburton on Friday night to take advantage of the bargains and community spirit during Midnight Madness.

## Midnight Madness takes over Haliburton's main street

Photos by Martha Perkins

Christina Wilson of Lake Kashagawigamog got a beautiful henna design at her arm at the Haliburton United Church's booth.



Princesses Claire Edwards, Shelby Elstone and Kelsey Curry got their crowns at the Bargain Shop before heading over to V&S for more bargains.



With only a few hours' sleep, Dysart's volunteer firefighters cooked up beef on a bun to raise money for equipment that will help them deal with more emergencies.

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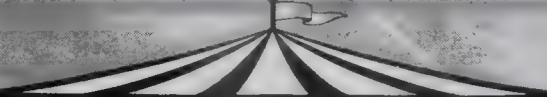
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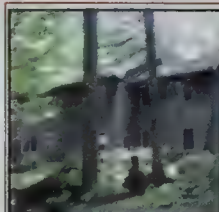
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### KOSHLONG LAKE

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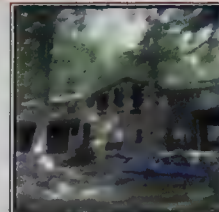
### WHITE LAKE

Waterfront home/cottage, 2.7 acres, 800 foot frontage, 4 bedrooms, 3 baths, point lot absolutely private.  
**\$749,000**



### HALLS LAKE

Luxurious Waterfront Estate. 7450 sq. ft. of living-space, 6 bdrms, 5 baths, state of the art construction. 1.8 acres, 224' ftge, southern exp., view of crown land and lake.  
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### SOUTH BAY/ HALIBURTON LAKE

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### REDSTONE LAKE

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### PINE LAKE

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### REDSTONE RIVER

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**\$319,900**



### BUSINESS FOR SALE

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**\$299,900**



### LONG LAKE

Waterfront cottage, 3 bedrooms, 1 bath, large bunkie, north west exposure, septic and drilled well.  
**\$224,900**



### NESBITT ROAD

Modern home, 3 bedrooms, split entry, full finished basement, in-ground pool.  
**\$214,000**



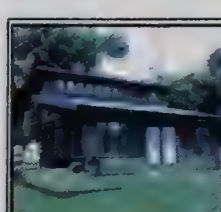
### BURKES ROAD

Haliburton home, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, full basement, close to town, double garage.  
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### BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY

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### IRONDALE RIVER

Riverfront home/cottage. Backsplit, 3 bedrooms, nicely renovated, laminate floor, pine cathedral ceilings.  
**\$139,900**

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**\$39,900 Building lot - 1.6 acres**

**\$99,000 Acreage - 250 acres**

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# Loss of trees to tornado is keenly felt

The storm that struck on the evening of August 2 was swift and violent. Our beloved pines around the Centre, some of which my husband Earl helped to plant in 1941, are twisted, broken off like matchsticks or totally uprooted. The

stricken ones, still standing, peeled of their branches, look forlorn. Everyone's view is altered for generations to come. Our own view of the Lakeside Golf Course is blank where the birch tree was uprooted. Others will cover the devastation much more competently than I, but none could feel the loss, the depravation of those beautiful pines and maples more deeply. Other notes now.

Bernie Nicholls and his family, the twins McKenna and Flynn, and Nicole Cooper are all home for at least two weeks with Cheryl and Greg Cooper. Janet Morrison and her niece, Sarah (Elaine's daughter), spent two weeks on

P.E.I. in July. Not exactly Guilford news, except that through the Andy and Shirley Sisson family they are related to so many here, but Pat and Ron Smyth have bought a home on Riverside Drive in Haliburton. They took possession on July 28 and are settling in bit by bit. The name in last week's column was intended to be Keith Burns.

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### GULL LAKE

\$799,000



Located just 2 hours from Toronto, this year round waterfront home features a fabulous view of Gull Lake from most rooms. There are plenty of areas to entertain family and friends with 2 large living rooms, both with fireplaces & 6 spacious bdrms, 3 with walkouts to decks. 3 baths including master ensuite. Interior design exudes warmth and charm with its wainscoting & country décor. Outside there is a private patio and bar, a large party/sundeck at the shore and a dock w/boatlift. Every part of this property was designed for your entertainment and comfort.

### MOUNTAIN LAKE

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### DRAG LAKE

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**\$350,000**



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### DEEDED ACCESS TO WILBERMERE LAKE

Excellent back lot to build your cottage or retirement home. Partly cleared with bunkie.  
**\$29,000**



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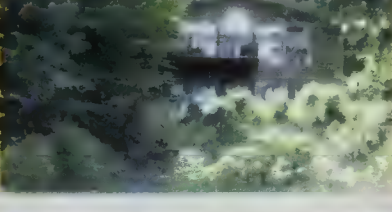


### ONE OF A KIND REDSTONE LAKE

541 ft. of sand & rock shoreline on beautiful Redstone Lk. Charming 4 bdrm. cottage, stone FP, hardwood flooring. Also incl. is a 696 sq. ft. WP 2 bdrm. cott. Level pine pt. lot. Western Exposure.  
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### MOOSE LAKE

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### UNIQUE EUROPEAN STYLE

European inspired open plan, 2 bdrm home in the village of Minden. 1740 sq. ft. of living space + 1 bdrm bunkie & dock. Explore Gull River & Gull Lake. Features gas fireplace.  
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### KENNAWAY ROAD ACREAGE

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**\$34,900**



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### PRIVATE COUNTRY HOME

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### REDSTONE LAKE

165 ft. of sand/rock shoreline on beautiful Redstone Lake. Custom built 4 bdrm cottage/home, 3,500 sq. ft. of living space, cathedral pine ceilings, stone FP, screened sun-room, hardwood flooring.  
**\$599,900**



# Trees on house bring out neighbourliness in people

I sat on the front porch and watched as the skies turned an uncanny dark colour while the winds picked up velocity. The gigantic pine trees started out in a slow rhythmic dance swaying this way and that. However, as the wild wind grew in intensity the pines moaned and hissed as the swirling winds twisted them into acrobatic distortions.

community news

## harcourt

Valerie Smith

448-3640

At first it was mysterious and exciting to watch this dynamic show of nature but soon the driving rains made me withdraw into the shelter of the house. Then the lightning and thunder came adding to the frenzy taking place and as the storm drew closer my teeth began to chatter and the hair stood up on my arms. Not a fraction of second passed between the lightning and the thunder and as I remembered the story of a great Aunt's death in a like situation, I knew I should be looking for a safer place to hide rather than standing before the living room with my eyes clenched tightly closed against the violence of the raging tempest.

Following the storm I learnt I was not the only one who remembered the loss of friends and relatives during such a thunderstorm. One elderly couple from Harcourt Park told me of a family of seven they knew who were killed when a tree blew down on the family vehicle. I was not the only one either who was looking for a safe place to hide from the previous evening's uncontrolled violence of Mother Nature.

Linda Middleton in Harcourt had been enjoying her panoramic view of the storm when all of a sudden the hurricane-force winds hurled the giant pines from her front yard at her living room window. An adrenalin rush came over her allowing her to quickly snuff the candle and run. The roar of the wind and the crashing of pines landing in her yard and on her roof were over in just seconds. With heart pounding she looked out her front door to be greeted by a mass of green pine needles of nine beautiful pines that had stood proudly in her yard a couple of minutes earlier. Her front window remained intact; however, her car had been devoured by green foliage.

The next morning and following day turned into a miracle for this Lanark County farm girl as a multitude of people dropped by and reminded her of her country roots where neighbours and friends help each other in a time of crisis. In just two days Linda's yard was cleared of the debris and on a parting shot I reminded her she now had time to paint a painting or two more for the up-coming Highlands East Arts and Crafts Tour. Her studio, Crystal Image was spared the ravages of the storm and Linda will be proudly displaying her array of work August 12 and 13th.

The tour presents more than 16 exhibitions of exciting arts and crafts that will reach all audiences and it takes place in Haliburton's Eastern Communities of Cardiff, Highland Grove, Harcourt, Wilberforce, Tory Hill and Gooderham. The tour exhibits a diverse selection of high quality arts and crafts produced by local artists

and artisans. Visit some of the studios, shops or galleries to view a wide variety of original works and meet the talented artists and artisans in their studios as they demonstrate their skills.

The Harcourt Community is very pleased to boast three studios this year - Clair Loft at 1023 Chester Crescent, Linda Middleton, Crystal Image Studio 3902 Loop Road in Downtown Harcourt and Willy and Patti Ewaschuk of Cottage Hill Furniture & Cabinets at 4025 Loop Road.

For more information visit [www.highlandeastartour.com](http://www.highlandeastartour.com)

The Wilberforce Agriculture Fair, a fair that is especially for children, takes place next weekend as well. Please plan on visiting the Fair August 11 - gates open at 6:00 p.m. - and August 12 - gates open 9:00 a.m. Please bring the children by to the children's craft corner where Mel and I will be leading the children in building bird houses and funny faces. For more information on the fair go to [www.WilberforceFair.com](http://www.WilberforceFair.com).

Upcoming events for Harcourt and surrounding communities:

August 9: Bingo is held every Wednesday evening starting at 7:30 p.m. Harcourt Community Centre. For more information call Debbie Shatraw at 448-3155.

August 10: Progressive Euchre is held every Thursday evening starting at 7:30 p.m. Harcourt Community Centre. Cost is only \$2. Come out for an evening of great fun playing Euchre followed by a light social lunch. Please call Mel Smith at 448-3640.

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Laura Neely, 6 years old, and Jessica Neely, 12 years old, received trophies from Keith Rodd at the Kennisis Lake rock bass tournament.



Mike Neely, Zach Neely were top performers at the rock bass tournament. Keith Rodd is also pictured.

# Kennisis Lake Rockbass Derby is a Family Affair

On July 8 the Neely family from Kennisis lake won both the 12 and under and 13 and over divisions in the Annual Kennisis Lake Cottage Association Rock Bass Derby.

Mike Neely with son Zach, caught a total of 48.5 pounds of rock bass in the 13 and over category.

Mike's daughters, Laura and Jessica Neely, caught a total of 40.5 pounds of rock bass.

Word has it they are not giving out any fishing secrets.

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Congratulations to all for a job well done. See you next year.

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### PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO ZONING BY-LAW 2005-120, AS AMENDED MUNICIPALITY OF DYSART ET AL

• **DATE:** Tuesday, September 5th, 2006

• **TIME:** 5:30 pm

• **LOCATION:** Council Chambers in the Municipal Office  
135 Maple Ave., Haliburton, Ontario

**APPLICATIONS:**

1. Land of Jenkins:

- Purpose and Effect: to delineate an island property and permit the construction of a seasonal dwelling.
- Zone change to Waterfront Residential Type 6L (WR6L)
- Location: Part Lots 6 and 7, Concession 4, Harcourt Township, (north shore of Farquhar Lake).

• **IF A PERSON OR PUBLIC BODY** that files an appeal of a decision of the Municipality of Dysart et al in respect of the proposed zoning by-law, does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Municipality of Dysart et al before the proposed zoning by-law is adopted, the Ontario Municipal Board may dismiss all of part of the appeal.

• **FURTHER INFORMATION:** including the draft by-law is available from the Planning Department at the Municipality Office during regular office hours (8:30 am to 4:30 pm, Monday to Friday) or by phoning 705-457-1740.

Dated at the Township of Dysart, this 7th day of August, 2006.

Patricia Martin, B.E.S., MCIP, RPP  
Municipal Planner

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### CURRENT EVENTS

- **Now until Aug. 31:** Celebrating 10 years of Supporting Canadian Artists. Exhibition of Art "Inspired by Haliburton", The Ethel Curry Gallery, 457-9687. Free.
- **Aug. 8:** Loonie Tennis - 10 - 11:30 a.m. Ages 5-16 Stanhope Firefighters Rec Centre, North Shore Rd. Rackets, balls & tennis tips provided.
- **Aug. 8:** Minden Hills Museum invites children ages 7-12 to come for a morning of pioneer fun. Children will enjoy lessons, crafts, games & snacks in a one room school. Pre-registration necessary. Entry fee charged. Call 286-3154 for info. or to register.
- **Aug. 8:** Tai Chi at the Dorset Rec Centre, 6:30 to 8 p.m. Call 766-9968.
- **Aug. 8:** Dorset Seniors Club - Bid Euchre, Euchre, Cribbage, Pool, Shuffleboard, 7:30 p.m.
- **Aug. 9:** Haliburton School of the Arts Visual Presentations. Wed. 4:45 to 6:00 p.m. in The Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion. Dorothy Caldwell: A Personal Journey - Dorothy Caldwell. She will speak about her life as an artist. Call 457-1680.
- **Aug. 9:** In Search of Old Growth - 11:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. From West Guilford, follow Kennisis Lake Rd. (City Rd. #7) to West Shore Rd. (approx. 20 km). Turn left on West Shore Rd & continue 11 km - hike starts opposite Lot 20. Explore one of the few remaining stands of old growth white pine & hemlock left in Ontario. Your leaders will be Larry Hewitt, a local landowner and outdoorsman; and wildlife biologist, Paul Heaven. You will be walking 6-8 km on moderately challenging terrain so come prepared and bring a lunch. Pre-registration is required to attend. To register, please contact: 286-5206, e-mail shirley.davidson@mnr.gov.on.ca
- **Aug. 9:** Day 1 of 2 day Watercolour Art Workshop - for Advanced Beginner/Intermediate at the Dorset Rec Centre from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. with artist Brenda J. Behan Turnour.
- **Aug. 10:** Day 2 of 2 day Watercolour Art Workshop at the Dorset Rec Centre from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
- **Aug. 11:** Music by the Gull. A series of free outdoor concerts. Bring a lawn chair. Opposite the Minden Post Office. 7 p.m. until dusk. Friday, Aug. 11. Double Bill: Highlands Brass Quintet & Edward deSilva guitarist.
- **Aug. 12:** Haliburton Lake Cottagers Association Membership Information Meeting. Sat., Aug. 12, 10 a.m. H.L.C.A. Hall.
- **Aug. 12:** The Golf Tournament for the Horseshoe Lake Property Owners' Association will be held on Sat., Aug. 12. Call Lakeside Golf Club 754-2110 to prebook and prepay your tee time. Phone Doug Watso 286-1519 for further info or to donate prizes.
- **Aug. 13:** Decoration Day Service at the Ingoldsby Pioneer Cemetery, Sunday, Aug. 13 at 2 p.m.
- **Aug. 14:** Massages by Jocelyn Smith at the Dorset Rec Centre, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- **Aug. 14 - 18:** Junior Naturalists Camps. The Haliburton Highlands Field Naturalists are pleased to invite nature enthusiasts aged 7-10 to take part in a variety of activities that explore our natural world at Minden Museum. Play and Learn with other kids; Fun games, activities, arts and crafts. For more info. contact Jean Godawa 457-5357, Email: buglady814@simpatico.ca
- **Aug. 15:** 2 p.m. Unveiling ceremony - National Historic Site plaque at the Wilberforce Red Cross Outpost Historic House Museum. All welcome. Come early for pre ceremony entertainment.
- **Aug. 15:** Haliburton Highlands Prostate Cancer Support Group monthly meeting - held the 3rd Tues. of every month at 7 p.m. in the Fireside Lounge, Highland Crest Senior Citizen's Home in Minden. For info. call Rick Ratcliff at 286-6699.
- **Aug. 15:** Tai Chi at the Dorset Rec Centre, 6:30 to 8 p.m. Call 766-9968.

### ONGOING EVENTS

- **Haliburton Area Motorcycle Social (H.A.M.S.)** Meet other motorcyclists at the Federal Dock, Head Lake in Haliburton every Thursday at 6:15 p.m. until the end of September. Ride leaves at 6:30 p.m. Everyone welcome. Contact Dale McCrea at 448-1023.
- **Ladies:** Join the Haliburton Highlands Women's Golf League. 9 and 18 hole schedules to choose from. Join as a single (we help find you a foursome) at discounted green fees. All levels of players and cottagers are welcome to join. For more info. call Mary Lou at 455-9266.
- **Music by the Gull:** presents free outdoor concerts Friday evenings in July & Aug. Bring a lawn chair, sit by the river outside the Minden Post Office & enjoy the music! 457-2862.
- **Now until July 30:** Exhibition - New Works by Brian Atyeo and Jack Reid at The Ethel Curry Gallery in Haliburton. 457-9687. Free.
- **Now until Aug. 18:** Meet and Greet faculty and students of Haliburton School of The Arts, Ethel Curry Gallery, Haliburton, Mon., Tues., Wed., 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. Free
- **Tuesdays & Thursdays until Aug. 10,** 1:30 p.m. Children's crafts with a little bit of history. Minden Hills Museum, Minden, Call 286-3154 for cost and info.
- **Wednesdays: Until Aug. 9,** 9:30 to 12 noon. Pioneer School Sessions - Play readin', ritin' & 'rith-metic in our 1 room schoolhouse. Ages 7-12. Call 286-3154 for costs and to register.
- **July & Aug.:** Wednesdays 9:30 to noon - Summer Art Club. Learn how to draw, explore great art and share your work. 8+. Call 286-3763 for cost & to register. Agnes Jamieson Gallery, Minden.
- **YWCA** of Peterborough, Victoria and Haliburton is seeking enthusiastic volunteers to act as home companions for a new program, YWCA Haliburton Emergency Rural SafeSpace (HERS). For more information, call the YWCA Women's Centre at 286-1942.

Events listings are provided **FREE** for non-profit groups on a space-available basis. While we endeavour to accommodate requests for publication, we cannot guarantee that all requests for listings will appear. Requests should be faxed to The Echo at 457-3275, emailed to [editor@haliburtonecho.ca](mailto:editor@haliburtonecho.ca), or brought in to the office. Please submit events by the Thursday prior to the requested publication date.

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**Pool Table - 4 X 8 slate. Excellent condition with cover, lights, cues, balls, Q rack & clock. \$1500.00 located near Haliburton Call Tom 416-806-9910 or 705-447-2002 weekends.**

**Property For Sale - 4.9 acres just south of Donald. Phone 705-324-5936**

**Auctions** A120

**ANTIQUE AND COLLECTIBLE AUCTION 11 am - Saturday August 19th (new date!!) at Norm Mills Auction Centre - Hwy 21 and 35 Minden.**

This will be an interesting sale as merchandise is already arriving. Viewing - sale day - 10:30 AM.

**Partial Listing:** Pecan & lead glass hutch, East Lake Chair, wash stand, CNR coal oil lamps, oak chairs, oak rocker, nursing rocker, wood high chair, Tiger Oak Armchair, gate leg table, parlour table, beautiful A1 Oak bed and matching side mirror dresser, barley twist fern stand, barley twist end table, 1/2 moon table, nesting table, hoosier snowshoes, 4- A1 harp back chairs, 6 drawer pine dresser (dovetails), red cedar chest trunk, love seat, ice cream parlour chairs, cast iron implement seat, seeders, hammers, whipple tree, camera, barn augers, coal oil lantern, crocks, corn flower, figurines, collectible plates, bowls, etc. still unpacked, scrub boards, apple press, hall tree mirrors, curio cabinet, wrought iron bed, nail keg, 4 kitchen chairs, crosscut saws, dining room table and chairs and a lot more. To consign to this sale call early - Norm Mills, Auctioneer, Appraiser, 705-286-3535.

**Miscellaneous** A230

**The Glass and Pine Shop** Stained glass Supplies & Equipment for sale. 130 Muskoka Rd N Gravenhurst 705-687-7935

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**Cats** A300

**PERSIAN KITTENS - Pedigreed inoculated, champion isired only three creams left. Can be seen at cottage address near Wilberforce 705-448-9650**

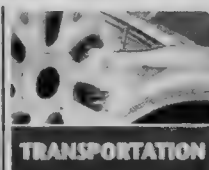
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**Building Material** A130

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**Cars** A400

**1998 NEON 180 k km. running condition, as-is \$1200 (705)455-9271**

**SUV's** A410

**96 Ford Explorer 4 X 4 loaded, leather ETC. Needs transmission work, best offer takes it! 457-4092 Ian**

**Vans/ Trucks** A420

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**Vans/ Trucks** A420

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**Houses For Sale** A510



**HEAD LAKE LAKEFRONT In Haliburton Village \$377,000**

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**Apartments Unfurnished** A610



**Maple View in Wilberforce**

**Two Bedroom Townhouse Unit is Available**

A two bedroom townhouse unit will be available. The rent for the unit is geared to the income of the tenant. The tenant is responsible for their own hydro and propane bills. The unit has a full unfinished basement, kitchen, dining and living room on the main floor and bedrooms upstairs. The stove and refrigerator are included with the unit.

Additional information and applications can be obtained by contacting Kathy Rogers at 705-448-3852 or by writing to Maple View, PO Box 70, Wilberforce, ON, K0L 3C0

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**Cars** A400

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Ashley Hope Apartments A nice quiet building. Large renovated 2 bedroom apartments. Comes with fridge and stove. First and Last months rent required. From only \$599.00 per month Call toll free 1-866-996-8226

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**Driver Wanted**  
Part time driver wanted for deliveries throughout Central Ontario 15-25 hours per week. Phone Peter at Highland Forest Products 8:00 am - 4:30 pm Monday - Friday 705-457-3192

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The TCCBE is currently seeking new members for its Board of Directors. The Board strives to maintain a broad geographic and sectoral representation of Peterborough and Haliburton Counties. Meetings are held monthly to make policy governance decisions and provide strategic guidance and support to this newly incorporated organization and its staff.

Individuals interested in volunteering with this dynamic and interesting organization, particularly those with a financial management, academic, community development or human resources background are invited to send a letter of introduction and resume by 4 p.m. August 22, 2006 to 'Chair, TCCBE Board of Directors.' In your letter of introduction, please tell us a bit about you, your skills and expertise in relation to the work that the TCCBE does.

For more information please contact Todd Barr, TCCBE Executive Director, Trent Centre for Community-Based Education Phone (705) 743-0523 Fax (705) 743-7170 Email [todd@tccbe.ca](mailto:todd@tccbe.ca) Internet [www.trentu.ca/tccbe](http://www.trentu.ca/tccbe)

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## GARAGE SALES

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## Every Wednesday

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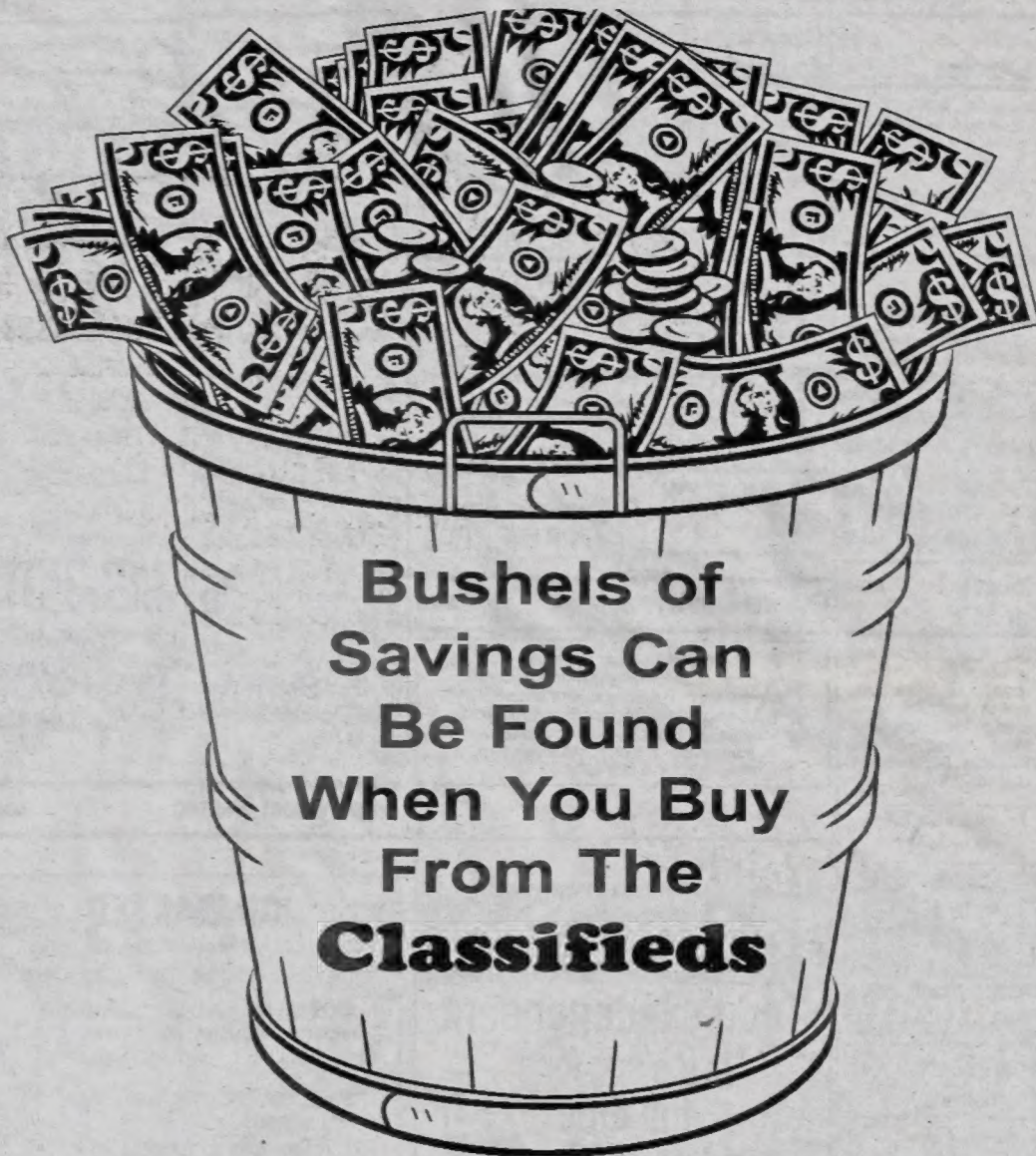
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## Births

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born  
Sun., July 23, 2006  
8lbs, 10oz  
at Peterborough Regional Health Centre



Proud parents are Barry & Donna Thompson. Ready to spoil Grandparents are Shirley Kirk, Bill & Judy Thompson & Nona & Elmo Lymburner. Great Grandpa Howard Thompson. First time Aunts are Jeannette Thompson & Crystal Thompson.

## Deaths

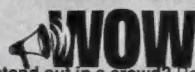
### GILMORE, Beryl Mae (nee Peacock)

Passed away with grace and dignity after a courageous struggle with cancer at the Palliative Care Unit at the Ross Memorial Hospital, Lindsay on Saturday, August 5, 2006 at the age of 82. Beloved wife of Norman William Gilmore, dear mother of Cynthia Gilmore and Glen (predeceased in 1987). Dear sister of Barbara Craig. Daughter of the late Gordon and Maude Peacock. It was Beryl's wishes that cremation is to take place immediately and at her request that there will be no visitation or funeral service. Memorial donations to the Kinmount and District Health Centre or to the Kinmount United Church would be appreciated by the family and can be arranged through the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., P.O. Box 427, Minden, K0M 2K0 (www.gordonmonkfuneralhome.com)



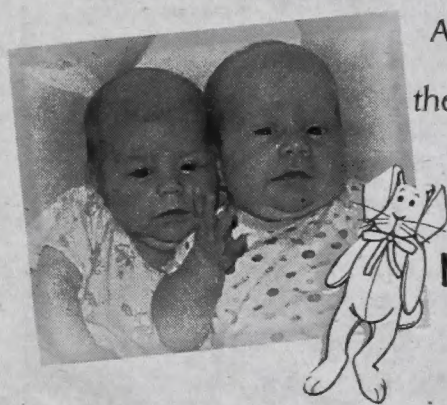
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Proud sixth time grandparents are George and Carolyn Hutchings of Haliburton. Proud fourth time grandparents are Alfred and Joyce Lagace of Oshawa. Thank-you goes to the wonderful Dr. Jana and to the nurses at Oshawa Hospital. Hugs and kisses to all who helped welcome our precious little ones.

## Deaths

### STRANG, Max Kenneth, MBE, BASc.

(Resident of Haliburton, Ontario) - At Peterborough Regional Health Centre on Friday August 4, 2006 in his 93rd year. Beloved husband of the late Betty Rix. Loving father of Robert (Maria) of Toronto, Jim (Jan) & Lynda of Niagara On The Lake. Fondly remembered by his five grandchildren Laura, Peter, Jeff, Leslie and his great grandchildren Chloe, Cole, Lucas, Nicole, Alexandra, Joey and Jimmy. Predeceased by his grandson Bob. Max was born in South River, Ontario on February 28, 1914. Educated in schools in Blyth, Harriston, and the University of Toronto where he earned a degree in Electrical Engineering. He was awarded an MBE and mentioned in Despatches for his work in RCME in the Canadian Army during World War II. In his business career he was known as an expert in Commercial Lighting with Curtis Lighting. A private graveside service will be held at Mount Pleasant Cemetery, Toronto at a later date. As expressions of sympathy donations to the Haliburton Hospital Auxiliary or the Extendicare - Proud Pioneers would be appreciated by the family. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705)457-9209

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## Deaths

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## Deaths

### CLIFFORD, Robert "Uncle Bob"

(Resident of Haliburton Lake, Ontario) - It is with profound sadness that we announce the sudden passing of Bob at the Peterborough Regional Health Centre on Thursday July 27, 2006 in his 79th year. Sadly missed by his loving wife Jeanette, his son Steve, his daughter June (predeceased), his brothers Michael (Rene), Colin (Eunice) and Raymond, (Kathleen) and his grandchildren; Jim (Diane), Sara (Mark), Daniel, Andrea and his great grandchildren; J.T. and Robert. Bob will be remembered for his many talents and gifts, his energetic, active lifestyle and kind spirit along with his love of family and friends. Bob worked diligently and with skilled precision while imbuing all things with peace, harmony and beauty. The family would like to thank the health care workers at the Peterborough Regional Health Centre I.C.U. for their wonderfully compassionate efforts while caring for Bob. Friends are invited to call at the **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705)457-9209 on Friday morning, August 4, 2006 from 10 o'clock until time of Memorial Service in the Chapel at 11 o'clock. As expressions of sympathy donations to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation (HHHS Foundation) would be appreciated by the family. m www.communityfuneralhomes.com

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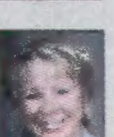


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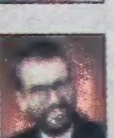


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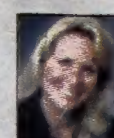


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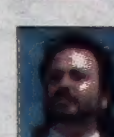


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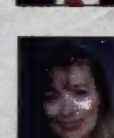


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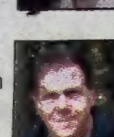


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